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**DIVISION OF WATER**

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**Board of Certification for Wastewater Operators  
Friday, June 14, 2019  
DNREC, Richardson & Robbins Building  
Conference Room 401  
MEETING MINUTES**

**In Attendance:**

Board: Bryan Ashby, Brian Blackburn, Jeff Deats, Ira Kaiser and Mark Kondelis  
DW: Nicole Smith and Faye Wheeler  
Public: Glenn Davis, Mike Evans and Kayli Spialter (DOJ) and Stan Siegfried

**Chairman Brian Blackburn called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.**

A quorum of the board is present.

- The agenda for the current meeting is approved with corrections.
- Minutes of the May 7, 2019 meeting are approved as submitted.

**Old Business**

- **Legal Review**
  - Jeff Deats gave Kayli Spialter background history of the discussion. Compliance inspector from Groundwater raised some concerns during inspections. The Board's most importantly wants to know if the regulations state the DRC has to appear at the facilities.
  - Mrs. Spialter says there may be room for a small amendment that the DRC appear at the facility. The DRC is still responsible for the facilities. The regulations should be followed as closely as possible.
  - Mr. Ashby says it is still up to this Board to hold the DRC responsible for not being on-site for a period of time. The Board agrees.

**New Business**

- **SunCoast Learning Systems**
  - Susan Untiedt reached out to the DNREC office after Mr. Ashby alleviated our course issues to Rick Duncan of DRWA. Ms. Untiedt had no idea there were any issues with the Delaware courses and would like to communicate directly with us and resolve this as quickly as possible.
  - Board understands it takes people different times to read material, but would the course should take 75% of time to get through online course.

- The Board would like a general log in that they all can use to check the classes.
- Recommend to add more information or reduce the number of approved hours.
- **OIT Documentation Form**
  - Change water duties to other duties
- **Application for Certifications:**
  - J. Edwards-denied (not working in wastewater treatment plant)
  - D. Heimbach-denied (not working in wastewater treatment plant)
  - J. Suarez- renewal approved. After talking through OIT, Mark Kondelis will send in OIT Documentation Form.
  - D. Glenn-asking for Temp license. Approved
  - G. Eli-Sussex County at South Coastal belt press (solids handling). Asking for Temp license. Approved
- **Continuing Education Course Approvals/Denials May**
  - The Board reviewed courses submitted in May.
  - DRWA is still sending in courses without the required class information. Jeff Deats provided Rick Duncan and Joe Godwin's email addresses to the Board's administrative specialist and they will be copied on future messages.
- **Operator License Renewals/Certifications/Expirations May**
  - The Board reviewed renewals, certifications and expirations.
- **License certifications and renewals audit for May**
  - No files were pulled.

Faye Wheeler brought up she felt it was inappropriate for Jeff Deats to make an employment announcement in the exam room. Mr. Deats made a motion to make available information about job opportunities for any employees on our website. Motion not carried.

National Rural Water Association is working with DOL to create an apprenticeship program for drinking water. We will watch this program.

**Meeting was adjourned 11:49 a.m.**

The next Board of Certification for Wastewater Operators meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at DNREC, Richardson & Robbins Building, Conference Room B172.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Faye Wheeler, CAP, OM